

Jodi L. Daub

From: Xia Zhao <dorisblcu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 11:48 PM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Against marijuana store in Redmond

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To Planning Commission of Redmond,

I believe you have received tons of letters of this kind. Many of them list out the evidence why we are against this with bullet 1, 2, 3. I have read some letters written by friends, totally agree with them - opening marijuana store harms our kids, we do NOT want it in our city.

Today, I will leave all the argumentation with my friends but share with you a story of mine.

It was last summer. One evening we were shopping in OfficeMax in Kirkland by 405. After we are done, we went back to the parking lot. We saw a guy sitting on the curb of the parking lot. He took out some glass pot and then lit something and inhale it, soon it seemed he was definitely enjoying it. I was pregnant back then. The moment I smelled the smoke, my baby told me that she did not like it. The nerves along my spine became numb and I felt my heart beating fast... Suddenly a picture I have ever seen flew into my mind. I realized that that guy was using marijuana! Our first reaction was to get on the car and go home right away. I surely did not want my 4 year old see this. However, still, it happened. He asked us, "what is that guy doing? it looks so funny..."

That concerns me, as a mother, a lot!

Dear officers, can't you see? It is easier and easier for our little ones to see what they shouldn't see in such a young age! They are curious about something they still cannot tell right or wrong!!

If the government support pot store in Redmond, it is easier for kids to get in touch with it as it will then right in our neighborhood. Some people may say that we don't have quantified evidence to demonstrate the impact of marijuana to the neighborhood. However, see Kirkland, people struggle not to open pot store, then government legalize the stores, then we are seeing people using marijuana on the street in public.... GOD knows what will happen next? If we pass new zoning regulation and pot store opens, then after couple of years, we see the impact on our kids, what worse is, it is hard to stop, to change, to reverse, what will government do then? Please be wise and don't dig out our tomb by ourselves step by step!!!

For people who support marijuana, I have question please -

1. what if it is their kids who drive after using marijuana then dies in car crash?
 2. what if it is their kids who are obsessive with the happiness that is so easy to get but so untrue, all day long?
- Have they ever had any hope on their kids?

the list can go on...

Please, listen to us! Our kids is our future, we want them to put every minute that GOD gives them in good use, Marijuana should not be in their life. Government should play a role model leading the society to the right direction.

Sometimes liberty costs a lot, we should evaluate it is worthy or not. Thank you.

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Best regards!

Xia Zhao

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Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 11:21 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: RE: Public hearing on 27th

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Thanks Jason.

I have a few more questions if you don't mind.

1. How is tax money from marijuana sales allocated to the city? I read that the exercise tax for marijuana retail is 37%. Let's say if a store sells \$100 of marijuana, exercise tax will be \$37. How much of the \$37 will be allocated to the city?
2. For Bellevue and Issaquah, how much tax dollars have they received from marijuana sales in the last quarter? And do we know how they spend the tax dollars?
3. For Bellevue and Issaquah, did the city have to spend more money (e.g. adding more policy capacity, or increased emergency room visit due to marijuana) to deal with the safety and security impact from marijuana sales? Can the committee do some research to get this data?
4. Since Sammamish bans marijuana sales, do we know how much "spill-over" negative impact they are getting from people buying marijuana from Issaquah and Bellevue? Has the committee talked to Sammamish and understand their current situation?

Claire

From: Jason Rogers [mailto:jrogers@redmond.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Claire Fang <claireffang@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Public hearing on 27th

Hi Claire,

Licenses to operate a retail marijuana store are issued by the state Liquor and Cannabis Board. The Board has criteria which gives priority to former medical marijuana dispensaries/collectives when issuing new licenses. The Board also intends to provide a offer a medical endorsement to a license which would allow the retail store to serve qualified medical marijuana patients, which means these patients would not have to pay tax on their purchase and could purchase larger amounts than the general public at these stores. Stores without a medical endorsement would not be able to offer these benefits to medical patients.

The City's influence on the state's licensing process is extremely limited; the City can object to a specific licensee or their proposed location, but the Board has the final authority to approve or deny a license. Ultimately the extent of the City's authority is to allow (or not) licensed marijuana facilities.

Jason Rogers

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Subject: RE: Public hearing on 27th

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I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any additional questions; I'd be happy to answer them.

Jason Rogers



Jason Rogers

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Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2016 9:15 PM

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Thanks for sharing these info!

Claire

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From: Planning Commission
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To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Comments on changing zoning regarding Marijuana Retail

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From: Sarah Heaslip [<mailto:sarahzletterbox@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 11:38 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Comments on changing zoning regarding Marijuana Retail

Dear Planning Commission.

We are a family of four, living in Redmond. Our son attends a preschool in Redmond, and in the years to come, both our sons will attend schools in the area. We love Redmond because it is a family orientated area and a safe area.

We are strongly opposed to changes to planning regulations which would allow retail sale of Marijuana in our area. We shop at wholefoods and are concerned that Marijuana retail stores could be located right next door.

An increase of the ease of purchasing marijuana could have negative effects on the health of our young people. It would make the road dangerous with more drivers potentially driving under the influence. It is insensitive to allow a shop selling this drug in an area where children and young people are prevalent, near to Wholefoods and Marymoor Park

Sarah Heaslip

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From: Yi <yi18@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 7:29 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Re: [RRMoms] Fw: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations - feedback from residents

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Mr. Rogers,

Thank you for taking the time to reply. I appreciate the Committee recognizing the drawback of having a retail marijuana store. Yes we live in Redmond Ridge. We always consider ourselves part of the large Redmond community.

One thing I am not sure is that if we keep the buffer rules why is there a need to change the permit rules to allow retail marijuana stores in Willow Road and off 520 ramp?

Yes we are planning to attend the public hearing tomorrow.

Again I appreciate your time!

Sincerely,

Yi

On Jan 26, 2016, at 12:13 AM, Jason Rogers <jrogers@redmond.gov> wrote:

Good evening:

Thank you for your thoughts on this issue. Access to and use of drugs, especially for youth, is a serious issue for this community and the greater Seattle area. The Redmond Technical Committee's recommendation would allow retail marijuana stores to locate in a portion of the Manufacturing Park zone near Willows Road, relatively isolated from schools, parks, and daycares, and other areas where youth frequent, and in a very small portion of the General Commercial zone on Redmond Way at the SR 520 offramp (it would not be allowed at the Whole Foods property). The Technical Committee recommendation does not include any change to existing buffers, which would remain 1,000 feet. Overall, the Technical Committee recognizes that there are potential drawbacks for retail marijuana sales and is striving to balance public safety concerns with allowing an activity that is legal under state law.

It appears from the subject line of your email that you may live in Redmond Ridge. If so, you should also know that the City of Redmond does not include Redmond Ridge; the City of Redmond's eastern boundary is at approximately the intersection of Avondale Rd. NE and NE Novelty Hill Rd. The Redmond Ridge community is in unincorporated King County. If you have concerns about potential marijuana business operating in Redmond Ridge, you should contact the King County Department of Permitting, DPERWebInquiries@kingcounty.gov or 206-926-6600.

I will ensure that your comments are shared with the Planning Commissioners. If you would like to provide verbal comments to the Planning Commission, the Commission is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street. You may also send additional written comments to planningcommission@redmond.gov or directly to me at jrogers@redmond.gov. Thank you.

Jason Rogers

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 9:10 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: [RRMoms] Fw: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations - feedback from residents

From: Yi [<mailto:yi18@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 10:26 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Fwd: [RRMoms] Fw: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations - feedback from residents

Dear Planning Committee members,

My family and I shared the same concerns as expressed in the email below. As you evaluate the options for the future of Redmond, please keep the future of our children in mind. They are the future. What is best for them is what we need! Please help keep the Marijuana Stores away from our kids! If that means more than 1,000 feet away from schools, daycare, parks and library or no Marijuana Stores in Redmond, that would be a wonderful thing!

Thank you for your time in representing the community and hearing is out!

Sincerely

Yi

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<RRMoms@yahoogroups.com>
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To: "RRMoms@yahoogroups.com" <RRMoms@yahoogroups.com>
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To: "planningcommission@redmond.gov" <planningcommission@redmond.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 2:45 PM

Subject: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations - feedback from residents

We learned that recent changes in state law allow cities to reduce the required minimum distance between retail marijuana stores and daycares, recreation centers, libraries, parks, transit centers, and game arcades down to a minimum of 100 feet. It is said that the 1,000-foot buffers around schools, parks, daycares, and transit centers effectively prohibit retail marijuana stores in Redmond.

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed reduction in buffer zone. Yes, I-502 legalized **the possession** of up to one ounce of marijuana by adults over 21 years of age and provided for a legal recreational marijuana market including producers (growers), processors, and retailers. But that does not mean that we have to accept marijuana retail stores right next to shopping or recreation areas where children are present. Children are an easy target and cannot make informed decisions for themselves, so we as parents and our elected officials **have the responsibility to protect them** for undue exposure to such products. While not ideal, the 1000 ft buffers have worked so far.

Our city officials have to think in terms of common sense, while providing safe conditions for raising our families.

With that in mind, I would ask the commission the following questions: Would you like to send your children to a school, playground, park, or transit center situated 100 ft from marijuana retail stores? Would you like to have your children tempted by half-sober users that will happily share a smoke with them? Or would you rather like your children to be accidentally injured as innocent by-standers when incidents occur around these retail shops (such as robberies, impaired driving, etc.). What is the real justification for reducing the buffers from 1000 ft to 100 ft? To better serve the customer base? That can be achieved by designating specific areas that meet the 1000 ft buffers, possibly outside the city boundaries. Or maybe the concern is some customers cannot safely drive home after enjoying their purchase? Does anyone really think that marijuana stores should be considered as simply another store?? Why are other important services and facilities that would serve the population not considered instead (such as new schools, a theatre, a covered swimming pool or an indoor water park, an indoor recreation centre, a museum, etc.) ?

My request to the commission is to first take a hard look at the proposal, keeping everyone's interest at heart, then decide to keep the 1000 ft buffer in place. This would be leadership. The opposite sounds too much like bending over to financial pressures...

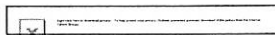
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From: Planning Commission
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To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Say No to Marijuana in Redmond

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From: kiran nelluri [<mailto:nellurikiran@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 7:04 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Say No to Marijuana in Redmond

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern in allowing Marijuana sale in retail stores at Redmond. I know you are currently reviewing public concern and preparing a recommendation to not allow retail store sales. Please take this email as my vote / voice against selling marijuana in Redmond retail stores.

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Kiran Nelluri

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:25 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No Marijuana Stores in Redmond

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From: Yang Li [mailto:yangli_lily@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:28 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: No Marijuana Stores in Redmond

To Whom This May Concern,

As a resident of Redmond, as a mom, I want to express my concern over the possibility of have a marijuana retail store in our community.

Like many other families, we chose to live in Redmond, because of its safety, good schools, parks.... a marijuana store doesn't fit into the picture.

I hope that the zoning code stay intact and there are no retail opportunities for marijuana to be sold in Redmond.

Thank you,
Li Yang

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From: Planning Commission
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Subject: FW: Pls do NOT open marijuana stores in our beautiful Redmond

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From: Jing Liu [<mailto:jennyliujing@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 7:55 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Pls do NOT open marijuana stores in our beautiful Redmond

Hi there,

Pls save our city, save our kids. Do not open retail marijuana stores in our beautiful Redmond, otherwise it will be ruined, and every family's kids has the risk to be addicted to the poison.

Thanks!

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Best wishes,
Sincerely Yours,
Jing Liu

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:29 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No Marijuana in our neighborhood

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From: Hanin Bengezi [<mailto:hanin.bengezi@medinaacademy.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:26 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: No Marijuana in our neighborhood

Hello,

I just wanted to email and let my voice be heard regarding this marijuana retail stores in redmond way. I am completely against it for the safety of our youth and children. Marijuana has caused addiction problems, and this is from personal experience with family.

Sincerely,
Hanin

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 1:40 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: NO to Marijuana in our neighborhood in Redmond

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From: Shital Shende [<mailto:shitalshende@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 1:12 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: NO to Marijuana in our neighborhood in Redmond

We live in wood bridge community on 202east in Redmond.
We strongly oppose to any marijuana retail store in or around our neighborhood.

Please stop this poison from being accessible to our children.

Thanks
Shital

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Subject: FW: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations

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From: David Power [<mailto:david@proscotershop.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 7:51 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations

Good morning. We own and operate the Pro Scooter Shop at 14750 NE 95th St, Building 7, Redmond, WA 98052.

Our target audience are families with kids ranging in age from 8 to 16. We sell and repair the freestyle or kick scooters. Not electric and not gas powered.

Would you tell me exactly where both Marijuana retails shops and processing warehouses could be located, in relation to our location?

I'm concerned about the potential impact to families/kids/parents if these shops or processing locations are close to our retail shop.

Thank you!

David - owner, Pro Scooter Shop
www.proscotershop.com

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From: Yu Guo <guoyu_kathy@hotmail.com>
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To: Jason Rogers
Subject: concern about recent marijuana trend

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Hi

My friends told me that recently there are many changes for marijuana happening in Redmond, such as open stores near school area, increase the minimum distance to benefit more marijuana store. These have made us very nervous and would like to raise our concerns. When we bought our house on 2012 in Education hill, Redmond. We spent a lot of time investigate and compare with other areas. We finally decide to choose Redmond because we feel this area is better for our children's and things prove it is. While with all these changes, it has made this area not a good place for kids and risk our daily life. My daughter right now attends CCA which is near the proposed new marijuana store. We don't smoke and we have consistently avoid her into any smoking area. We cannot image when a marijuana store open in these area. It is not only bad for physical health, but also worse for mental health. It endangers the area, and increase the already heavily blocked traffic. We know the financial benefit may looks promising with these stores, but please do think about our kids which are the future. We know there are a hearing tomorrow. We really want to join, while with 2 small kids. We cannot make it. We hope our voices could be heard at least.

Here is our home address
10811 177th CT NE
Redmond, WA, 98052

Thanks again for taking these into consideration.
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Subject: FW: Proposed regulations for retail marijuana stores

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From: Robert Wainger [<mailto:robertwainger@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:10 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Proposed regulations for retail marijuana stores

I OPPOSE zoning code and policy changes in Redmond that would reduce the minimum distance retail marijuana stores must remain from daycares, recreation centers, libraries, parks, transit centers and game arcades down to 100 feet.

As I drive around Redmond there are more than enough locations for a person to buy marijuana products, more than enough billboards, and more than enough people with spin signs on corners.

Just because recent changes in State law ALLOW cities to reduce minimum distances for retail marijuana stores DOES NOT MEAN REDMOND HAS TO REDUCE CURRENT DISTANCES.

Even though I live outside the city limits of Redmond, Redmond is my town: my address is Redmond, I shop in Redmond, I dine in Redmond, I use all of Redmond facilities.

Robert Wainger
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Redmond, WA 98053
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robertwainger@comcast.net

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From: Anuradha Ramanath [<mailto:anuramanath@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 9:53 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana retail zoning

Hello,

I am shocked to hear that planning commission is considering to reduction in buffer zone for marijuana retail shops. Reducing to a mere 100ft clearly shows you favoring the marijuana manufacturers and sellers over families and children. Those in need of marijuana can easily drive the extra distance to buy. Kindly reconsider it and keep it away far away from our budding youth.

Thank you
Anu Ramanath

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 9:09 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No to marijuana store near our neighborhood or any place close to kids

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From: Martha Javnozou [mailto:marthajavnozou@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 11:22 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: No to marijuana store near our neighborhood or any place close to kids

City of Redmond is investing so much money to create a family friendly city. Im against having any marijuana store close to residential zones, schools, libraries, grocery stores, parks or any place near kids. We have to protect also the real state value and those stores close by will decrease the property market value.

At Woodbridge, we were promised that we will get new houses build next to us and we got a Fedex and now a Costco. We invest in this neighborhood and in Redmond because we believe it is a great city that want to grow. Please just b careful of your decisions because it can damage the city reputation areal state value and that will hurt us and the city. I know the lobbying for marijuana has a lot of money that support it, but what is the future that you want for the city? For your tax payer? We love Redmond and we don't want to be push out of our city for marijuana stores that serve so little of our city population attracting crime at our doors.

Please consider and rethink the decision.
Thank you

Best regards,
Martha Javnozou

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana-redmond

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From: Shelly Gera [<mailto:shellygera@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2016 5:23 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana-redmond

Hi,

I have received information that the planning commission is thinking of opening Marijuana store in Redmond near whole foods area on SR-202.

I have been living in Redmond for last 8 years with my family and the reason to continue our stay is because we love the secured and safe life around here and we can peacefully raise our kids here.

But after hearing the news of Marijuana store in our vicinity left us all shocked. My family loves to walk into the Whole Foods complex for a wholesome selection of foods and having ice creams there. The neighborhood here is mostly family residential with kids of small age who doesn't even have the capability to think or differentiate between right or wrong. At this innocent age, having such surroundings nearby would impact them in a bad way.

We are highly against opening such a kind of store in our vicinity. Request you to please reconsider your decision.

Thanks,
Shelly

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Seattle Brian <brianseattle@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2016 9:54 PM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Retail Marijuana

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Hi Redmond government & Marijuana planner,

I came to the Washington state eight years ago. Redmond is my major living, work and recreation area and I feel pretty comfortable and safe here. However, I felt shocked to hear that the government planned to modify the city code to allow more Marijuana stores to be opened in Redmond which are pretty close to the Marymoor park and a lot of usual stores like Whole food, Target.. etc.

My vote is to keep the city code unchanged as the current city code is used to protect the safety of the city and the children. If no store can be opened based on the current city code, we should not open one.

I reviewed the proposed plan on the web site. I would like to ask the following questions

1. Do you know which kind of the persons will be the main force to buy Marijuana from these stores? What are their salary level, education level?

My concern is I see the price from other Marijuana stores are not cheap. If there are a lot of low-income persons who want to buy them, it would increase the security threat to the city.

2. Do you know how many Redmond residents have the need of buying Marijuana from these stores?

3. As Marijuana is still illegal in the federal and a lot of states, will this cause a lot of foreign-state persons to come to Redmond? Will they be just visitors or will they become residents? Would this have any security concern in the community?

4. Where do the buyers consume the Marijuana? Will they gather in the nearby park to consume this?

5. What is the actual tax benefit of the Marijuana store? Will these additional tax income be used for children?

6. Is your police department be ready for the impact caused by the Marijuana store?

Personally, I do not object some individuals consume Marijuana in a private place. However, opening more stores has a lot of social impact especially on the children and the youth. I do not agree someone said "why we treat Marijuana differently than tobacco and alcohol". The major difference is tobacco and alcohol are legal for many years. We have plenty of the experience to control them and restrict them in a nice way. For example, we do not allow to drive after the drink and we restrict the smokers to some specific areas. However Marijuana is a completely new thing to us and a lot of the things are not predictable.

I somehow agree maybe after 5 or 10 years, Marijuana is also legal in Federal. I truly believe when that day comes, we already know the effective ways to address our current concern. It seems Redmond (King country or Washington) is planning to take the risk as the Marijuana pioneer. The cost could be the safety of the

community and the children here. Please do evaluate the code change plan again to not to change the current city code.

Regards,
Brian Xie

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